

June 18, and that the volunteer solicitor of the contribution was “Tom Quinn,” O’Connor’s partner at O’Connor & Hannan. Quinn recalled having no role in this contribution, or any by the tribe, and speculated that he may have simply delivered the check to the DNC. No tribal witness could recall how this specific contribution was solicited.

The St. Croix also contributed to the DSCC in 1996. On Aug. 19, the tribe contributed \$5,000 to the Committee, apparently at Kitto’s suggestion, earmarked for the benefit of Sen. Wellstone. On Oct. 29, the tribe followed Kitto’s advice and made a further \$20,000 contribution to the DSCC. Its cover letter to the Committee noted: “[t]he 105th Congress will be addressing many issues of critical importance to the St. Croix Tribe.”<sup>598</sup>

### ***Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe***

The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, as a tribal entity, was making small political contributions at the federal level as early as 1992, but it had never made any contribution to the DNC or a national Democratic organization exceeding \$2,000 until its \$15,000 contribution in connection with the Sept. 11 DNC dinner. The tribe’s contributions after April 1995 included the following:

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<sup>598</sup>On Oct. 31, 1996, the tribe also made a \$5,000 contribution at Kitto’s behest to the United Democratic Fund for the benefit of Sen. Wellstone’s campaign committee. Kitto’s Oct. 25, 1996, “Statement” to the tribe soliciting this contribution related it to an Oct. 23 reception honoring the Vice President sponsored by the Minnesota Coordinated Campaign and the DNC. Taylor attended the reception, for which Kitto and the O’Connors were listed fund-raisers.